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New county road to be constructed in Torreon, NM

BLM will be presenting a right-of-way permit and needed funds to Sandoval County for an engineering and design plan for the construction of a county road in Torreon, NM. Residents in the community of Torreon and outlying communities are currently using an existing pipeline service road when commuting to the Albuquerque area.

The permit and check for \$128,500 will be presented to the Sandoval County Commission during its meeting at the County Courthouse, 711 Camino del Pueblo in Bernalillo on November 16 at 6 p.m. The Sandoval County Commission will accept the right-of-way permit and check from BLM Albuquerque Field Manager Ed Singleton.

A total of \$128,500 was needed for the design plan, which includes safety requirements for the public road. Funding for the proposed project is being contributed by right-of-way holders and BLM. PNM has contributed \$31,500, Equilon and Williams Pipeline Companies each contributed \$36,000 and BLM \$25,000.

More than 500 area residents and ranchers, pipeline personnel, BLM employees and recreation users in the area routinely travel the eight mile section of roadway, which saves motorists about 40 miles when traveling from the Torreon area into Albuquerque. BLM has been working with Sandoval County to authorize a northern extension of the pipeline service road.